

# STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATIONS

## CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

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### COUNCIL MINUTES

#### Minutes of the One Hundred and Seventy-Eighth Meeting of the Council of the California Medical Association

*Approved at the One Hundred and Seventy-Ninth Meeting of the Council*

Held in Conference Room No. 2 of the Los Angeles Biltmore, Los Angeles, Saturday, October 6, 1928, at 10 a. m.

**Present.**—Doctors Kiger, Gibbons, Pallette, Hamlin, Kelly, Kinney, Duffield, Shephard, Harris, Rogers, Curtiss, Catton, Kress, Shoemaker, Pope, and General Counsel Peart.

**Absent.**—Doctors Bingaman, DeLappe, Coffey, and Peers.

1. **Call to Order.**—The meeting was called to order by the chairman, Oliver D. Hamlin.

2. **Minutes of the Council.**—Minutes of the 174th, 175th, 176th, and 177th meetings of the Council were presented. The chairman stated that, as these minutes had been mailed to all members, he would entertain a motion that the reading of such minutes be dispensed with.

Action by the Council.—On motion of Shephard, seconded by Rogers, it was

Resolved, That the minutes of the 174th, 175th, 176th, and 177th meetings of the Council, as mailed to each member thereof, be approved.

3. **Minutes of the Executive Committee.**—Minutes of the 105th and 106th meetings of the Executive

Committee were presented. The chairman stated that the minutes had been mailed to all councilors and that all important matters contained therein had been placed on the present Council docket.

Action by the Council.—On motion of Gibbons, seconded by Duffield, it was

Resolved, That the reading of the minutes of the 105th and 106th meetings of the Executive Committee be dispensed with.

4. **Committee on the Constitution.**—The secretary read a letter from Dr. Percy T. Magan, chairman of the Committee on the Constitution, which stated that the committee would not have a report to submit for the October Council meeting. Doctor Kress stated that Doctor Magan was at present in the East, and that he had been informed that the committee would submit a report at the January meeting of the Council.

5. **Medical Practice Act Committee.**—George H. Kress, chairman of the committee, presented the report of his committee, which outlined the activities of the meeting of the State Board of Medical Examiners with representatives of the various medical schools. Doctor Kress stated that at that meeting it had been agreed that a fifth year of practical work as an intern or public health worker in addition to the four-year college course was desirable; that the acceptance of the certificates of the National Board of Medical Examiners in lieu of California examination be optional with the Board of Medical Examiners; and that although a basic science law was desirable, no action be taken at this time.

Doctor Kress requested that his committee be continued.

Action by the Council.—On motion of Kiger, seconded by Duffield, it was

Resolved, That the report of the Committee on the Medical Practice Act be accepted, and the committee be continued.

Doctor Duffield stated that he was in favor of immediate action on the basic science law. Doctor Kress then explained, to the satisfaction of Doctor Duffield, why action at this time was not advisable.

6. **Redistricting the Council.**—Doctor Rogers, chairman of the Committee on Redistricting the Council, stated that he would have a written report for submission at the spring meeting, together with a chart of the state showing proposed plans for redistricting the Council.

7. **Woman's Auxiliary.**—The "Underlying Principles that Shall Govern the Formation and Regulation of the Woman's Auxiliary of the California Medical Association," were read by the secretary.

It was decided that the suggestion of Mr. Peart that no provision of the Constitution or By-Laws should be amended without the approval of the Council, should be included as an integral part thereof. Also that the second sentence of Section 2 of the Advisory Board should read, "The Woman's Auxiliary of a county or state, etc.," and the last sentence under "Meetings" should read: "... not attend county medical society meetings except on invitation from the proper county medical society officials."

8. **Orthopedic Fee Schedule.**—A fee schedule for orthopedic work performed under the Crippled Chil-

dren's Act, as prepared by the State Board of Health, was presented to the Council.

Doctor Shephard called attention to the existing situation in Santa Clara County regarding clinic to be carried on by the Society for Crippled Children.

The advisability of discussing the matter with Doctor Dickie, director of the Department of Public Health, was then brought up, and it was felt that since the Department of Public Health had been co-operating with the Association, the question should be discussed with Doctor Dickie.

Action by the Council.—On motion of Kress, seconded by Kiger, it was

Resolved, That a special committee of which Doctor Shephard shall be chairman be appointed, consisting of two other members suggested by Doctor Shephard; and that this committee be requested to confer with Doctor Dickie and to make a survey of the whole matter and report at the next meeting of the Council.

The following amendment to the motion was then made and carried unanimously:

Resolved, That there be added to the committee as ex-officio members, the secretary and the general counsel of the Association.

**9. Committee on Clinical Prizes.**—George Dock, chairman of the Committee on Clinical Prizes, submitted the report of his committee, in which it was suggested that further publicity be given the contest in the journal.

Action by the Council.—On motion of Kress, seconded by Catton, it was

Resolved, That the report of the Clinical Prize Committee be accepted and that it be published in the next issue of the journal.

**10. San Benito County Society.**—Doctor Shephard stated that he had taken up the matter of the inactivity of the San Benito county society with some of its members and was endeavoring to get the men together for a meeting the latter part of the month, at which time an effort would be made to either revive the San Benito county society or to work out some plan of amalgamation with other societies.

Action by the Council.—On motion of Gibbons, seconded by Kelly, it was

Resolved, That the report of Doctor Shephard be accepted.

**11. Honorary Membership.**—The secretary stated that Dr. Lucy Wanzer had been made an honorary member by the San Francisco county society and suggested that like action might be desirable by the state association. It was pointed out that Doctor Wanzer was the first woman physician in San Francisco.

Action by the Council.—On motion of Gibbons, seconded by Catton, it was

Resolved, That Lucy Wanzer, San Francisco, San Francisco County, be recommended for honorary membership in the California Medical Association.

**12. Affiliate Membership.**—Letter from the San Diego county society regarding the membership of R. G. Hulbert was presented. It was suggested that Doctor Hulbert be granted affiliate membership.

Action by the Council.—On motion of Kiger, seconded by Pallette, it was

Resolved, That R. G. Hulbert, San Diego, San Diego County, be granted affiliate membership in the California Medical Association.

**13. Inactive Committees.**—Discussion was had as to the advisability of disbanding various inactive committees.

On motion of Gibbons, seconded by Rogers, it was

Resolved, That the Committee on Enlarging the Scope of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE be discontinued.

On motion of Shoemaker, seconded by Rogers, it was

Resolved, That the Committee on the Gorgas Memorial be discontinued.

On motion of Rogers, seconded by Kelly, it was Resolved, That the Committee on Group Insurance for members of the California Medical Association be discontinued.

On motion of Rogers, seconded by Kelly, it was

Resolved, That the Committee on Investment of Funds of the California Medical Association be discontinued.

On motion of Kelly seconded by Kress, it was

Resolved, That the Committee on Professional License Tax be discontinued.

On motion of Kress, seconded by Harris, it was

Resolved, That the Committee on the Walter Reed Memorial be discontinued.

On motion of Shoemaker, seconded by Rogers, it was

Resolved, That the Committee on Maternal Welfare be discontinued.

It was suggested that any other committees of the Association which were inactive should be reminded of their duties.

**14. Advertising Contract.**—Contract with Mr. L. J. Flynn covering advertising secured by him for CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE was read by the general counsel.

Action by the Council.—On motion of Kress, seconded by Gibbons, it was

Resolved, That Mr. Flynn's contract be drawn to cover the territory of California, Utah, and Nevada.

**15. Advertising in the Journal.**—Discussion was had as to advertising accepted for publication in the journal, and the desirability of having a rule for the acceptance of advertisements, pointed out.

Action by the Council.—On motion of Kress, seconded by Kiger, it was

Resolved, That the secretary, by and with the approval of the Executive Committee or the Council, be and is hereby authorized and empowered to accept applications for advertising in CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE and to execute contracts therefor in the form now used, and heretofore approved by the Council; provided, however, that no application for advertising any drug shall be accepted, nor contract made therefor, unless such drug shall conform to the rulings theretofore made by the Council on Pharmacy and Chemistry of the American Medical Association.

**16. Section Meetings.**—Tentative program for the section meetings at the annual meeting was presented. Doctor Kress stated that he felt the proposed plan of holding section meetings at 8:30 was impractical.

Action by the Council.—On motion of Kress, seconded by Kelly, it was

Resolved, That Doctor Kiger and Doctor Pope be authorized to revamp the proposed schedule, making special effort to give adequate time to entertainment features.

**17. Commercial Exhibits.**—The secretary presented the proposed schedule of rates for exhibit space at the annual meeting and stated that it would appear to be very just to advertisers.

Action by the Council.—On motion of Gibbons, seconded by Kiger, it was

Resolved, That the schedule of rates for exhibit space be approved.

It was felt that the local Arrangements Committee should be requested to send in a report later for the information of the Council and that Doctor Kinney should keep in touch with the secretary's office regarding exhibitors and rules.

18. **Program Committee Meetings.**—The question of holding the usual Program Committee and section officers meeting at Santa Barbara in January was discussed, and it was decided that such meeting should be held prior to the next annual meeting.

Action by the Council.—On motion of Catton, seconded by Kelly, it was

Resolved, That the railroad and transportation expenses of section secretaries, or in the absence of the secretary, the chairman of the section, and the members of the Program Committee be paid by the California Medical Association, for the program meeting at Santa Barbara.

The secretary stated that she felt the Program Committee luncheon held at the annual meeting should be dispensed with and that the councilor luncheon should be held on the third day of the meeting. No objection.

19. **Spring Meeting of the Council.**—After discussion, it was decided that the spring meeting of the Council should be held on January 26, 1929, at San Francisco.

20. **Section Program Committee.**—Letter from Doctor Kress regarding the desirability of having a program committee within each section to pass on papers of each section was presented. Doctor Kress stated that in this way it would be possible to attain a higher standard of excellence in papers presented.

Action by the Council: On motion of Kress, seconded by Gibbons, it was

Resolved, That the Association secretary notify each section that the Council believes it would be an advantageous addition to the rules of government of each section if a provision were made for a specific Section Program Committee. Such committee to consist of the chairman and secretary of the section and one other member, to be elected annually, who shall act as chairman of the Section Program Committee.

This program committee would cooperate with the Association secretary in securing a proper range of subjects and with CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE so that manuscripts which were read at the annual session would be put into the best form possible for publication in the official journal.

21. **Legislative Committee.**—Harlan Shoemaker, chairman of the Legislative Committee, reported on the activities of his committee. Doctor Shoemaker stated that a meeting had been held at San Francisco at which the question of promulgating a basic science law was discussed, and it was decided that at present no action should be taken. Doctor Shoemaker pointed out reasons why he felt some action at the next legislature was desirable.

Doctor Shoemaker then stated that he believed the Legislative Committee would be a more representative state committee if the membership were made up of men from various sections of the state instead of a majority being Los Angeles doctors.

Action by the Council.—On motion of Shoemaker, duly seconded, it was

Resolved, That the personnel of the Legislative Committee of the California Medical Association be changed to include Harlan Shoemaker, chairman; Joseph Catton, Junius B. Harris, Lyell C. Kinney, and George Sabichi.

Doctor Shoemaker then stated that some expense had been incurred by the committee and he was desirous of drawing on the fund allotted to his committee. It was the sense of the Council that upon receipt of a request from the Legislative Committee showing expenses incurred, the chairman of the committee should be forwarded the amount of the bill, to be withdrawn from the committee account.

Discussion was then had as to the care of emergency patients injured in automobile accidents from whom it was impossible to collect the cost of medical care. Doctor Shoemaker presented a bill which had been passed in Nebraska, which would make such

expenses constitute a lien. Mr. Peart then read Section 4041 of the Code as amended in 1927, which he believed covered some aspects of the situation.

Action by the Council.—On motion of Kress, seconded by Shoemaker, it was

Resolved, That the bill presented by Doctor Shoemaker be referred to the legal counsel for study and that Doctor Shoemaker be authorized through his committee to take such steps as necessary to have the bill passed.

At the suggestion of the chairman of the committee a letter from the Capitol News Bureau on legislative service was ordered filed.

22. **Permanent Convention Headquarters.**—Doctor Shoemaker stated that he had no report to make on permanent convention headquarters, and since his committee was practically inactive it might be well to disband the committee.

Action by the Council.—On motion of Kelly, seconded by Rogers, it was

Resolved, That the Committee on Permanent Convention Headquarters be discontinued.

23. **Committee on Mental Diseases and Expert Medical Testimony.**—Joseph Catton, chairman of the Committee on Handling the Insane presented the report of his committee dealing specifically with the relationship between the Association and the Department of Institutions in connection with the proposed rules for the maintenance and regulation of private hospitals for mental patients. The chairman of the Executive Committee then stated that a letter embodying the views of the Association had been forwarded to Mr. Jensen of the Department of Institutions, but to date no reply had been received.

The general counsel then reported on the proposed Veterans' Commitment Act, stating that he could see no objection to the act, and requesting that he be permitted to make a further study of the act in cooperation with his associate, Mr. Charles Barfield.

Doctor Catton then explained the status of a proposed mental hygiene survey that was to be carried on in the state for which an appropriation of \$25,000 was to be asked. Doctor Catton stated that at present there was no activity in the matter.

Doctor Catton requested that the name of his committee be changed, and after discussion, on motion of Kelly, seconded by Gibbons, it was

Resolved, That the present title of the Committee on Handling the Insane be changed to read: "Committee on Mental Diseases and Expert Testimony."

A written report on expert medical testimony and a panel of medical experts was presented to the Council by Doctor Catton. After full discussion, on motion of Shoemaker, seconded by Gibbons, it was

Resolved, That a committee consisting of Doctors Catton and Hamlin and Mr. Peart revise the report and embody the suggestions of the Council in a composite to be submitted to the Bar Association.

Action by the Council.—On motion of Kress, seconded by Duffield, it was

Resolved, That the minimum number of lunacy examinations per month or year as a basis of qualification for the panel be left to the decision of Doctors Catton and Hamlin, and Mr. Peart.

24. **Executive Committee Minutes.**—Action by the Council: On motion of Kelly, seconded by Gibbons, it was

Resolved, That the minutes of the 105th and 106th meetings of the Executive Committee, as mailed to all councilors, be approved.

25. **Doctors Brainerd and Carpenter.**—The Council appointed Dr. William Duffield to bring in resolutions on the death of Dr. Frank B. Carpenter and Dr. Henry G. Brainerd.

26. **Adjournment.**—There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

OLIVER D. HAMLIN, *Chairman.*  
EMMA W. POPE, *Secretary.*

## COMPONENT COUNTY SOCIETIES

### ALAMEDA COUNTY

The regular meeting of the Alameda County Medical Association was held at the Ethel Moore Memorial Building, January 21, President Liliencrantz presiding. The program of the evening was presented by the staff of Fabiola Hospital, the first paper being a discussion of "Adenoids in the Adult" by Roy Nelson. Doctor Nelson reported nineteen cases in patients varying from nineteen to sixty years of age. The doctor urged careful examination of the throat of patients in this condition, as pathologic changes in this region might well be responsible for various distant lesions as well as the more common changes in the ears and sinuses. Doctor Nelson was followed by Doctor Makinson, who spoke on the ever important subject of "Carcinoma of the Rectum," urging digital and proctoscopic examination together with a careful study of the histories in all patients. Dr. Suzanne R. Parsons, recently of Johns Hopkins Hospital Obstetric Service, spoke on the subject, "Toxemias of Pregnancy—Their Prevention and Treatment." She reviewed the causes of maternal mortality and stated that mortality had increased in the last ten years with very little done to remedy the situation. Twenty-seven per cent of all deaths in obstetric practice are due to the toxemias of pregnancy. Doctor Parsons pleaded for a more serious attempt to educate the lay public to proper care during pregnancy in order to prevent this condition. The last presentation on the scientific program was a moving picture of "Infections of the Hand" presented by Dr. T. C. Lawson and discussed by Doctor Everingham.

A lecture by Dr. Leroy Crummer of Omaha was given in Wheeler Hall on February 1 on the subject, "The Importance of the Study of Medical History." Doctor Crummer is the possessor of many rare old volumes and prints. Professor Alfred Adler of Vienna spoke on February 6 in Wheeler Hall on the "Understanding of Human Nature," and on February 8 on the subject, "How to Deal with the Inferiority Complex." Professor Adler is the guest of the University of California.

GERTRUDE MOORE, *Secretary*.

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### CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

The Contra Costa County Medical Society met on January 22 at the nurses' home of the County Hospital at Martinez.

There was a change in the originally planned program of medical moving pictures, and instead some very interesting clinical cases were discussed by those present.

The present status of lead poison was discussed in detail as to methods of diagnosis and treatment. It was pointed out that the deleterious process should be accomplished by alkalinizing the body fluids; in fact, the approach of acidosis will often liberate stored lead and produce acute symptoms of plumbism.

Dr. I. O. Church, the county health officer, explained the method being used in the study of medical costs as planned by the five-year program of the American Medical Association.

The society was pleased to accept the invitation of the Peralta Hospital staff to have the following meeting at the hospital. A paper by one of the members of the Peralta staff will be given.

S. N. WEIL, *Secretary*.

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### LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Dr. Reuben Peterson, professor of gynecology and obstetrics at the University of Michigan since 1901, was the guest of the Los Angeles Obstetrical Society at dinner at the Jonathan Club on the evening of February 7. Following the dinner he addressed the county medical association at Patriotic Hall on "The Determination of Risk of Gynecological and Obstetrical

Patients." His paper detailed the result of some 1700 patients operated upon at the University of Michigan Hospital, of which 1200 patients underwent elective procedure with no mortality, and something under 500 major operations had a mortality of 3 per cent. He urged a greater conservatism in determining operative procedures and particularly emphasized the additional risk where there were any constitutional disturbances. In the obstetric field he objected strenuously to meddling interference, since this invariably increases the fetal and maternal mortality and morbidity. His paper was discussed by Dr. C. E. Phillips, who detailed a survey from Michigan as to mortality from appendectomy, where he found an average mortality of 15 per cent that was reduced to 1½ per cent when the operations were performed by properly trained men under good conditions.

Preceding Doctor Peterson's paper Dr. D. G. Tollefson spoke on "The Value of the Sedimentation Test in Gynecology." Doctor Tollefson, formerly with John O. Polack of Brooklyn, showed clearly the ease with which the test could be performed and, by analysis of some one thousand determinations, pointed out its extreme value in determining the presence of latent infection. A small series where ectopic pregnancy was to be differentiated from adnexal diseases revealed the fact that the sedimentation time was of more value than differential white counts or the temperature curve, since the time was practically normal in the pregnancy and greatly reduced in the presence of inflammatory diseases. Dr. Donovan Johnson detailed the findings in six hundred readings on normal pregnancy with the observation that this was of comparatively little value in the obstetric field, but his findings led him to be enthusiastic over making such a test prior to any operative interference.

Doctor Peterson was made an honorary member of the obstetrical society, the other two members being Dr. J. Whitridge Williams of Baltimore and Dr. Frank W. Lynch of San Francisco. Each was given a membership card suitably embossed on parchment.

WILLIAM BENBOW THOMPSON,

*Secretary, Obstetrical Section, L. A. C. M. A.*

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### SAN DIEGO COUNTY

The January meeting of the Mercy Hospital staff was held on the 15th in the nurses' auditorium, in charge of the newly elected officers, President Fox and Secretary Thornton. Two series of cases were selected by the Record and Program Committee: (1) Meningitis, following respiratory infections. (2) Coronary disease.

Following the presentation of these cases by the committee and staff members, very interesting and instructive discussions were given by Doctors Barrow, Stealy, and Redelings.

In coöperating with the ideals of the conducting of staff meetings, as urged by the American College of Surgeons, the Staff Executive Committee has selected Doctors Clark and Eager as members of the Record and Program Committee. The duty of this committee is to initiate the monthly staff meetings, which, in addition to any regular business, shall consist of (1) reports of interesting hospital cases followed with discussion by certain selected members of the staff and general discussion; (2) report of all deaths together with available autopsy findings and diagnosis, followed by general discussion.

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The first staff meeting of the Scripps Memorial Hospital for 1929 was held on January 21. Interesting hospital cases were presented and discussed by Doctors Burger, Copp, and Lazell. Dr. Francis Smith presented an interesting paper on "Observations of the Influence of the Vagus on Cardiac Mechanism." The following officers were elected for 1929: William

R. Eastman, president; Thomas O. Burger, vice-president; W. E. Diefenbach, secretary.

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The January meeting of the staff of the County Hospital was held on January 22. Dr. Charles W. Brown gave a very instructive clinical program, presenting a number of cases from the nose and throat department. Dr. S. A. Parowski, resident physician of the Vaulain Tuberculosis Home, presented a case, "Pulsating Encapsulated Pleural Effusion of the Chest." Officers elected for the present year: Doctor Kellogg, president; Dr. C. J. Osborne, vice-president; Doctor Stevenson, secretary.

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President Churchill of the medical society announced the following committees for 1929:

Program Committee—C. M. Fox, chairman; L. C. Kinney, and D. R. Higbee.

Medical Legal Committee—M. H. Arnold, chairman; T. Coe Little, and E. H. Crabtree.

Councilors-at-Large—H. C. Oatman and Martha Welpton.

Membership Committee—B. J. O'Neill, chairman; F. J. Ratty, and Ray Lounsberry.

County Hospital Committee—C. E. Rees and Charles William Brown.

Child Welfare Committee—William B. Mahan, chairman; Marjory Potter, Rieta Hough, A. J. Thornton, and S. J. McClendon.

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In the death of Dr. Thomas L. Magee at the age of ninety-two, the San Diego society has lost not only its oldest member, but one who has been continuously active since 1887, and one of its charter members. Doctor Magee was privileged to practice his beloved profession to within a few days of his death.

ROBERT POLLOCK.

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#### SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

The regular meeting of the San Joaquin County Medical Society was held at the Medico-Dental Club room, Thursday at 8:30 p. m., February 7.

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 p. m., Dr. Thompson presiding. In the absence of the secretary, Doctor Doughty was elected to be secretary pro tem.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The application for membership of Dr. R. L. Owens of Lodi was read and referred to the committee on admissions.

President Thompson appointed the committees of the society.

A communication from the National Food Products Company was read and filed.

The following program was presented:

Dr. Miley B. Wesson of San Francisco gave an illustrated lecture on "Infections of the Genital Tract and Their Sequelae."

Doctor Wesson graphically reviewed the anatomy of the genital tract, emphasizing the importance of Colles's fascia and Buck's fascia in lesions of this area. In discussing prostatitis, Doctor Wesson stated that any focus of infection might be the cause of a prostatitis, and that a prostatitis might be the focus of infection in other diseases. Backache and "hernia pains," frequently attributed to industrial injuries, are frequently due to a chronic prostatitis and seminal vesiculitis, and these are relieved by massage, instillations, and irrigations. Median bars are often improved by use of the Kollmann dilator; others require more radical treatment. The lecture was replete with practical suggestions regarding the treatment of lesions of the genital tract.

Dr. Glenn Craig of San Francisco read a paper, "The Care of the Bladder after Abdominal Operations."

Doctor Craig presented the results of the study of four series of cases:

Control group of ninety-nine cases, 60 per cent requiring catheterization.

A group of seventy-eight cases in which one ounce of one per cent mercurochrome was instilled into the bladder at operation; 23 per cent requiring catheterization.

A group of ninety-three cases in which one ounce of one-half per cent mercurochrome was used as an intravesical instillation; 8.6 per cent requiring catheterization.

A group of thirty-nine cases with the same treatment as group three except that one liter of 5 per cent sodium bicarbonate and 60 cc. of white oil was given as a rectal instillation, in addition to the other treatment; 7.6 per cent requiring catheterization.

Doctor Craig concluded that mercurochrome instilled, as described, decreased postoperative catheterization and cystitis. Postoperative catheterization frequently causes infection of the urinary tract.

There was a vigorous and interesting discussion of both papers. The meeting adjourned at 10:30 p. m.

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News.—The annual meeting of the Medico-Dental Club was held at 6:30 p. m., Thursday, January 17, at the Eden Square Café and Coffee Shop, 945 North El Dorado Street.

All members of the Seventh District Dental Society and the San Joaquin County Medical Society were invited.

Dr. Emmet Rixford of Stanford University Medical School was the guest and speaker of the evening. His subject was "Tumor of the Jaw."

Dr. Fred J. Conzelmann, secretary of the Medico-Dental Club, read a paper, "The Medico-Dental Club—An Adventure in Practical Psychoanalysis."

J. FRANK DOUGHTY, *Secretary pro tempore*.

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#### SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

The regular meeting of the Santa Barbara Medical Society was held on Monday evening, February 11, in the lecture room of the nurses' home of the Cottage Hospital, President N. H. Brush presiding.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The secretary read a short report on the infant mortality rate of the city of Santa Barbara for the last five years.

Doctor Brush announced a lecture to be given by Doctor Grenfell at Recreation Center on February 23.

The principal speaker of the evening was Dr. Verne R. Mason of Los Angeles, formerly associate of medicine in Johns Hopkins University, who gave a most instructive talk on "Damage of the Myocardium," illustrating his points with a wonderful series of lantern slide cardiograms.

The paper was then discussed by Doctors Koefod, Nuzum, Sansum, Evans, and Brown.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

WILLIAM H. EATON, *Secretary*.

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#### SANTA CLARA COUNTY

The regular meeting of the Santa Clara County Medical Society was held on Wednesday, January 16, at the Santa Clara County Hospital, with Dr. E. P. Cook presiding. Fifty-eight members were present.

Dr. L. Linquist and Dr. James Lovely were elected as members of the society.

Dr. Dudley Fagerstrom was elected an additional delegate, with Dr. James Bullitt his alternate, to the California Medical Association meeting.

At this time, Mrs. Blakesly, president of the Santa Clara County Parent-Teachers' Association, asked the society's support in examining children of preschool age. A motion to that effect was duly made and carried. This concluding the regular business of the society, the evening was turned over to the staff of the Santa Clara County Hospital. Dr. R. Wilson, superintendent and medical director of the County Hospital, presented in a few words an outline of his program with a yearly report of work done in the hospital for the year 1928.

As has been the custom each year when entertaining the society at the hospital, the program was one of a presentation of clinical cases. Doctor Wilson gave a résumé of the building program for the past twelve months which consisted of the following additions: A new wing on the south end of the hospital which comprises the new obstetrical department with its twenty-six beds and two well-equipped delivery rooms; the pediatric department, which cares for thirty patients; the interns' quarters which were reconstructed and equipped with new furniture and are now equal to any of the kind on the coast or in the country. At the present time there is under construction on the north end of the grounds a fifty-bed preventorium for children which will be a real addition to the institution.

Within recent weeks there has been a reorganization of the staff of the hospital, and at the present time there are between twenty-five and thirty visiting doctors for the hospital. Within recent months, a dietitian has been secured and that department has improved considerably.

Papers were given and cases presented by the following:

Doctor Ianne, the resident tuberculosis specialist, discussed phrenicotomy in the treatment of pulmonary tuberculosis with cavitation and presented two patients who have been cured by that method of treatment. He also presented a patient with pulmonary tuberculosis complicated by sinus infection who was cured after an operation for submucous resection and antrum drainage had been done by Doctor Roberg. Doctor Roberg discussed the surgical procedure. Doctor Ianne also presented two patients with pulmonary tuberculosis with a complication of diabetes mellitus. Doctor Schmitt, who has been carrying on the diabetic part of the treatment, discussed the treatment and showed the marked improvement in the condition of the patients.

Doctor Dahleen read a paper on "Polycystic Kidney" and discussed a case which has been operated upon recently in this hospital for removal of such a kidney.

Doctor Burchfiel, county health officer, made a few announcements in regard to his work and asked the full coöperation of the members of the profession in the work of public health. Doctor Fagerstrom presented a very interesting case of osteomyelitis with multiple involvement.

Doctor Whitaker presented a patient who had had multiple surgical operations, the majority of which were major operations. The first operation took place when the patient was only seventeen months old and the last one, a nephrectomy, was done in this hospital in September 1928. The patient was at the meeting in person to show the excellent condition of her health in spite of her numerous surgical experiences.

Doctor Anderson presented a series of cases of digit injuries which would appear to be trifling, but when fully studied with the help of the x-ray, frequently prove to be more serious and important than contemplated.

Doctor Lackner discussed a case which was admitted to the hospital during the fall of 1928 which presented a complicated clinical picture. The patient, in extreme shock, was taken to the surgery with a provisional diagnosis of perforated gastric ulcer, and on opening of the abdomen, it was found full of fresh blood and blood-clots. An unsuccessful search was made for the bleeding point, but as the bleeding had

stopped, nothing further was done and the abdomen was closed. The patient later came to postmortem, and the autopsy findings, which consisted of a primary carcinoma of the liver, were discussed and shown by Doctor Proescher. Doctor Proescher also presented an interesting specimen of syphilis of the lung.

Doctor Wilson closed the evening's program by presenting a very interesting case of cancer of the rectum which was treated by x-ray and electric coagulation and a colostomy. After extensive treatment over some months the cancer disappeared and the colostomy was closed, the sigmoid and rectum functioning perfectly.

The doctors then adjourned to the dining room, where refreshments were served.

C. M. BURCHFIEL, *Secretary*.

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#### SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

The February meeting of the society was held at Alexander's Villa, Boulder Creek, Thursday, February 14. In anticipation of the Italian dinner, for which this particular place is well known in Santa Cruz, the routine business of the evening was dispensed with. Following the dinner the guest speakers, Doctors Miley B. Wesson and Craig of San Francisco delivered papers. Doctor Craig presented interesting data on the prevention of postoperative catheterization following the instillation of one-half per cent mercurochrome at the time of operation. Doctor Wesson's paper had to do with the general subject of "Diseases of the Prostate," and was illustrated by carefully prepared slides. Both diagnostic and therapeutic procedures were emphasized. Discussion on both of these papers was led by Dr. Stanley Dowling of Santa Cruz.

The following members were present: Doctors Congdon, Cowden, Dowling, Eiskamp, Farmer, Fehliman, Harrington, Hatch, A. L. Phillips, W. A. Phillips, Randall, and Woodard.

SAMUEL B. RANDALL, *Secretary*.

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#### SONOMA COUNTY

A joint meeting was held by the Sonoma, Napa, Solano, Lake, and Marin county societies January 17 at the Sonoma Mission Inn. Mendocino County was invited, but not represented.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. J. C. Johnstone, president of the Sonoma County Medical Society, following dinner. The meeting was to promote greater coöperation and fraternalism among the profession and to exchange ideas regarding a tuberculosis sanatorium and preventorium for the conjoined use of the five counties.

Dr. Morton Gibbons and Mr. Hartley Peart gave very inspiring talks on coöperation of the profession and on the problems confronting the council and the state society.

The five-county tuberculosis sanatorium and preventorium was discussed, and reports from different counties indicated that they were in favor of a joint hospital. Sonoma reports that \$75,000 has already been appropriated by that county.

The following resolution was adopted:

Whereas, Representative members of the medical profession and members of the county medical societies of Sonoma, Napa, Lake, and Solano counties assembled at the Sonoma Mission Inn, this seventeenth day of January 1929, having fully considered the matter of establishing a tuberculosis hospital for the said counties and for the county of Mendocino, do hereby resolve: That we do hereby approve the establishment of a tuberculosis hospital for the counties of Sonoma, Napa, Lake, Solano, and Mendocino.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 p. m.

J. LESLIE SPEAR, *Secretary*.

## STANISLAUS COUNTY

The February meeting of the Stanislaus County Medical Society was held at the Hotel Hughson, February 8. Following the usual six-thirty dinner, the meeting was called to order by the new president, Dr. F. J. Peter.

Those present were: Doctors Surryhne, Finney, Mottram, Yocum, Collins, Falk, Robertson, Reamer, Hagedorn, Bemis, W. Smith, Hartman, Maxwell, Morris Jr., Hennemuth, Peter, Hiatt, Gould, Pearson, DeLappe, McPheeters, Field, and the speakers of the evening, Doctors Harry E. Alderson and Stuart C. Way of San Francisco.

The committee on school affairs reported that the Attorney-General had not passed on blanks used by the school physicians and that a report would be given following his action.

A discussion of fees for vaccination followed. Doctor Gould moved, and Doctor DeLappe seconded the motion, that for the next two weeks all vaccinations be done for one dollar a piece, and after that the regular fee be charged. A notice was to be put in the paper to this effect. After considerable discussion the motion was carried.

The president appointed the following program committee for the ensuing year: Doctors Collins, DeLappe, Finney, Maxwell, McPheeters, Reamer, and Robertson.

Following the business meeting, Doctor Harry E. Alderson, clinical professor of dermatology, Stanford University Medical School, demonstrated by lantern slides, selected dermatological cases of interest to the general practitioner. Dr. Stuart C. Way, assistant clinical professor of dermatology, Stanford Medical School, demonstrated by lantern slide how to determine the degree of malignancy in skin cancer.

The society expressed their thanks to Doctors Alderson and Way for their excellent papers.

There was no further business, and the meeting was adjourned.

R. STEWART HIATT, *Secretary*.

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## YOLO-COLUSA COUNTY

The Yolo-Colusa Medical Society met in the Hotel Dale, Williams, at 7 p. m., January 30. The following members were present: President Pulford in the chair, Doctors Keith, Poage, E. E. Larson, C. H. Fairchild, Salter, Desrosier, Bell, Cooper, and Bates. The following visitors were also present: Etta S. Lund, M. D., of Willows and E. L. Hickock, D. D. S., of Colusa. After a supper the meeting was opened and the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. A number of communications were next read, discussed and filed.

The following officers were then elected: Ney M. Salter of Williams, president; G. W. Desrosier of Colusa, vice-president; W. E. Bates of Davis, secretary-treasurer; F. R. Fairchild of Woodland, delegate; J. E. Harbinson of Woodland, alternate.

Dr. Leo P. Bell of the Woodland Clinic presented a short description of his travels and impressions on a recent clinical trip through Cuba and the clinics of the East. He attended the meeting of the Pan-American Medical Association, held in Havana from the 29th of December to the 4th of January 1929, as a member of the party of Dr. W. J. Mayo of Rochester Minnesota.

The medical situation in Cuba is in a very bad way. The classes in the medical schools are very large with about three thousand students in all. The equipment is poor and the clinical material inadequate. There is a great overproduction of doctors in Cuba which has greatly reduced the financial returns of the individual doctor.

The so-called hospital clubs, which are private insurance companies that had their origin some fifty to seventy-five years ago, dominate the medical situation. Their members pay \$2 a month and receive elaborate

medical care in the hospitals and are furnished social relaxation in their clubrooms. There are six large hospital clubs in Havana with membership ranging from 50,000 to 65,000 each. There are about two hundred smaller clubs. These clubs are growing very rapidly and own the largest and finest hospitals in the island. It is impossible for the medical profession to exercise control of them.

Doctor Bell visited Santiago and while there flew back in company with Dr. W. J. Mayo to Havana in the endeavor to arrive at the bedside of the late Tex Rickard, who, however, died before they could reach Miami.

While in the East, Doctor Bell visited the new hospital center in New York City, the Cleveland Clinic, various hospitals in Chicago and Minneapolis, and made an extensive visit at the Mayo Clinic.

It is his impression that group medicine and the consolidation of hospitals is making very rapid progress in the United States. This consolidation is to a great extent an economic necessity owing to the cost of medical care. Great interest is being shown by all medical people throughout the East in their endeavor to lower the cost of hospitalization to the middle class of people.

He believes that some form of hospital insurance will be forced on the medical profession by the people within the next ten or fifteen years. This form of insurance has already been started in several towns in Florida and is widely gaining popularity in Mexico. It is his desire to warn the medical profession that they must be on the alert for this change. For if it is controlled by the medical profession in its beginning it will not pauperize the doctors as it has done in Cuba.

After a free discussion of the subject-matter the meeting then adjourned.

W. E. BATES, *Secretary*.

## CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP

## New Members

Alameda County—James Eaves, E. Gordon Fletcher, Homer Pearson Strubble, and W. F. Williams.

Contra Costa County—E. B. Todd and D. C. Wise.

Imperial County—Ira B. Bartle.

Los Angeles County—Jean Gordon Kinney, L. L. Craven, Clarendon A. Foster, Julius Frankl, Ernest S. Gasteiger, Nadina Kavinoky, George F. Keiper, E. D. Kilbourne, Richard R. McGovney, Norman K. Nixon, Albert A. Peterson, Marcus H. Rabwin, Francis L. Rogers, David A. Schmidt, Marguerite J. Scholl, Orville J. Sloan, and Kenneth W. Taber.

Monterey County—Walter Harold Farr and Ralph A. Workman.

Napa County—Charles A. Graves and Richard E. Poole.

San Bernardino County—Royall H. Bandelier, Francis E. Clough, Oram I. Cutler, Richard E. Dowd, Emanuel C. Ehlers, and Thomas I. Zirkle.

San Diego County—J. C. Elliott King and William J. Ryan.

San Francisco County—Alden H. Alexander, Paul S. Barrett, David K. Chang, Glenn R. Craig, Curtis L. Falk, Charles D. Fletcher, August E. Gauthier, Clyde D. Horner, Bernard Kaufman, Christopher Leggo, Patrick Joseph Mangan, Wilfred C. McKinnon, Anna M. Mosgrove, Edgar J. Munter, Gunther W. Nagel, Gerasim S. Nazarin, Ellsworth F. Quinlan, Reuben Ratner, George A. Trueman, and Henry L. White.

San Joaquin County—E. Ishikawa.

San Luis Obispo County—Willis Dole Butler, Allan F. Gillihan, Paul K. Jackson, Lyman T. Wade, and Harry McGarvey.

Santa Barbara County—Lawrence F. Eder and W. R. Hunt.



Santa Clara County—James Lovely, Dell T. Lundquist, and Leslie S. Whitaker.

Santa Cruz County—J. Harrington and Oscar Chauncey Marshall.

### Transferred Members

William S. Kiskadden, from Imperial to Los Angeles County.

Charles L. Ianne, from Alameda to Santa Clara County.

### Deaths

**Abbott, Philip Fanning.** Died at Oakland, January 27, 1929. Graduate of Cooper Medical College, San Francisco, 1901. Licensed in California, 1901. Doctor Abbott was a member of the Alameda County Medical Society, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.

**Brunig, Henry Daniel.** Died at Los Angeles, January 26, 1929. Graduate of Kansas City Medical College, Missouri, 1898. Licensed in California, 1921. Doctor Brunig was a member of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.

**Cipes, Joseph S.** Died at Los Angeles, February 3, 1929. Graduate of Temple University School of Medicine, Philadelphia, 1910. Licensed in California, 1920. Doctor Cipes was a member of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.

**Coates, Benjamin Oscar.** Died at Los Angeles, December 20, 1928. Graduate of Trinity Medical College, Toronto, 1892. Licensed in California, 1900. Doctor Coates was a member of the Los Angeles Medical Association, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.

**Hamlin, Francis Allan.** Died at Bakersfield, February 1, 1929. Graduate of Cooper Medical College, San Francisco, 1908. Licensed in California, 1908. Doctor Hamlin was a member of Kern County Medical Society, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.

**Ward, Edwin Davis.** Died at Los Angeles, January 21, 1929. Graduate of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Los Angeles, 1907. Licensed in California, 1908. Doctor Ward was a member of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.

## NEVADA STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

R. R. CRAIG.....	President
W. A. SHAW.....	President-Elect
H. A. PARADIS.....	First Vice-President
R. P. ROANTREE.....	Second Vice-President
HORACE J. BROWN.....	Secretary-Treasurer
R. P. ROANTREE, D. A. TURNER,	
S. K. MORRISON.....	Trustees

### COMPONENT COUNTY SOCIETIES

#### ELKO COUNTY

On January 8, the Elko County Medical Society elected the following officers for 1929: R. P. Roantree, president; W. A. Shaw, vice-president; John E. Worden, secretary; C. W. Eastman, counselor.

The following resolution was passed unanimously at the regular meeting of the Elko County Medical Society, Tuesday, January 8:

Be It Resolved, That the members of the Elko County Medical Society deeply regret the passing of their fellow member and friend, Dr. Daniel H. Pettin-gell of Midas.

Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to his widow, and be placed upon the minutes of this society.

News Item.—The staff of the Elko General Hospital elected the following: John E. Worden, chief of staff; W. A. Shaw, vice chief of staff; W. A. Haas, secretary.

JOHN E. WORDEN, *Secretary.*

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#### WASHOE COUNTY

The regular meeting of the Washoe County Medical Society took place at the Sciots Club, Reno, on the evening of February 11. Dr. J. L. Robinson, president, occupied the chair. In the absence of case reports, Doctor Robinson stated that the proposed Community County Hospital Bill was still pending in the Senate Committee. A similar bill has been brought up in the Senate at the two former sessions of the legislature, but owing to the "jokers" which had been tacked on the bill, it passed into the usual political limbo. However, Doctor Robinson said that the bill had a good chance of passing now, as many of the previous objections had been eliminated.

In order to arouse community interest in the same, the president stated that, in company with the secretary, they had appeared upon invitation before a number of civic organizations to show why the bill should pass and to set forth the community need for such a hospital. At every place the bill was endorsed, and there seemed to be more public interest shown over it at this time than at any previous endeavor for its passage.

The subject of the scientific program was a symposium on the prevailing epidemic of grippé.

Dr. Arthur Grover, pathologist, spoke on the bacteriology as at present known in the epidemics. He detailed the finding of the Pfeiffer bacillus many years ago, but confirmed the opinion held by most bacteriologists that the Pfeiffer bacillus while present in most cold infections, as well as grippé, was not the causative organism. What that organism is has not up to the present time been demonstrated. The organism, undoubtedly, is a filtrable virus, and possibly in the severe and fatal cases is in symbiosis with other infectious organisms. The great number of sudden deaths were evidently due to passive hemorrhages of the lung accompanied with an acute edema, which necessarily prevented oxygenation of the blood and caused the patient's death. Several types of pneumonia occurred during the course of the epidemic, in which the streptococcus viridans, streptococcus hemolyticus, staphylococcus, alone or usually in combination, were present. Because of the leukopenia, which is a condition of grippé, the patient's resistance is appreciably lowered, thus making him an easy victim for either severe illness or death.

Dr. A. J. Hood followed with a paper on the history of grippé. This brief paper was well prepared from an historical standpoint. He said that among the earliest observations on the disease, were those of Hippocrates, who reported that it broke out in the winter time, showed a great tendency for relapses, that it complicated itself with severe pulmonary affections, and usually was fatal to weak and fatigued people. The first clearly recognized epidemics occurred in Europe in 1173, and from that date up until 1875 there was a record of 299 epidemics. The disease has swept over the world in epidemic form at regular intervals of about thirty years. It was stated by Doctor Jordan, bacteriologist of Chicago, that in the World War epidemic there were estimated to have been one-third of the entire population of the United States sick with the grippé, and that the death loss was 2 per cent of the sick. This made the staggering mortality of 600,000 deaths traceable to this epidemic. The essayists who were to discuss the treatment of the grippé were not present. In the discussion which followed the papers, Dr. John Tees believed that had mercurochrome been generally known in the



past epidemic, many cases might have been saved. Doctor Creveling described the condition of the upper air passages and told how, by extension of infection, the entire mucosa of the head would present the appearance of a generalized pan-sinusitis.

No business of further importance except a report calling for a committee to investigate certain non-ethical conduct in professional contact.

The meeting stood adjourned to convene at the next regular date, March 12.

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The following are the subjects announced for the Washoe County Medical Society for March:

"Reno's Water Supply. The Polluted Truckee. Why are the People of Reno and Sparks Compelled to Endure Drinking from this Polluted Source When Pure Water Could be Made Available?" by Dr. S. C. Dinsmore, head of the Food and Laboratory Control of Nevada. This paper on this important health topic will be open for general discussion.

THOMAS W. BATH, *Secretary*.

## UTAH STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

WILLIAM D. DONOHER, Salt Lake.....President  
H. P. KIRTLEY, Salt Lake.....President-Elect  
M. M. CRITCHLOW, Salt Lake.....Secretary  
J. U. GIESY, 701 Medical Arts Building, Salt Lake.....Associate Editor for Utah

### COMPONENT COUNTY SOCIETIES

#### CENTRAL UTAH

A regular meeting of the Central Utah Medical Society convened at the Johnston Hotel at Richfield on January 8. A splendid paper was read by Dr. F. F. Hatch of the Intermountain Clinic, on the subject of "Stomach Medicine and Surgery."

We are pleased at this time to report that we now have sixteen charter members in our society. Meetings are being well attended. The next regular meeting of the society will be held at Moroni on February 5.

H. ASA DEWEY, *Secretary*.

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#### SALT LAKE COUNTY

The regular meeting of the Salt Lake County Medical Society was held at the St. Mark's Hospital, Salt Lake City, Monday, January 14.

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 p. m. by President C. M. Benedict. Sixty members and three visitors were present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted without correction.

Charge of the clinical program was then turned over to George Roberts, chairman of the Clinical Society of the St. Mark's Hospital.

F. S. Bascom spoke briefly about the need of a new building for the St. Mark's Hospital, which will be built in the near future at the corner of Fourth East and First South streets. He stated that the public should be disabused of the idea that a hospital was solely for the benefit of the doctors. The new St. Mark's Hospital is to be of the hotel type, rather than the pavilion type. The hotel type of hospital is a popular type at the present time, owing to the fact that it is less expensive to operate, and saves the nursing staff much time.

N. H. Pugh reported a case of periesophageal abscess in a patient whose esophagus had been perforated by a small chicken-bone which had lodged for some time in the esophagus. This paper was dis-

cussed by R. T. Jellison, J. P. Kerby, and W. Leroy Smith.

Guy Van Scoyoc read a very interesting paper on the differential diagnosis of angina pectoris and a coronary occlusion. The pathogenesis of these conditions was discussed by Orin Oglivie, and five pathological specimens were displayed.

A. L. Huether showed a case of tuberculous hip, with excellent result following a fusion operation.

F. A. Goeltz showed some various types of prostates, and discussed the end-results obtained by operation.

Application for membership, signed by G. F. Jarrad, was read and turned over to the board of censors.

A letter from the American Medical Association was read. This encouraged the physicians to cooperate in every way possible with the committee on the cost of medical care of the American Medical Association by furnishing complete data in the questionnaire, soon to be sent out to various members of the profession, regarding the cost of medical education, and the cost of overhead expense of the doctor.

A letter from the Medical Arts Building Association was read, stating that the lecture hall was not available for further medical meetings.

William F. Beer moved that the president and secretary be instructed to locate a new place of meeting. Seconded and carried.

President Benedict stated that the Program Committee wished to determine the society's will in regard to holding a dinner meeting at the Bigelow Hotel in Ogden, March 25, in conjunction with the Weber County Medical Society, if the latter so wishes. Motion to this effect was made by William F. Beer. Seconded and carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50, after which refreshments were served by the St. Mark's Hospital.

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A joint meeting of the Salt Lake County Medical Society and the Utah State Ophthalmological Society was held in the Convention Room at the Hotel Newhouse, Salt Lake City, Monday, January 28.

Meeting was called to order at 8 p. m. by President C. M. Benedict. Sixty-three members and six visitors were present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted without correction.

E. M. Neher read a paper entitled "A Few Suggestions Regarding the Care of the Eye by General Practitioners." This paper was well discussed by L. Stauffer, T. B. Beatty, L. W. Snow, F. Stauffer, F. M. McHugh, E. P. Oldham, John Z. Brown, M. M. Nielson, and G. N. Curtis.

V. P. White read a paper on "Sinusitis," which was discussed by F. H. Raley.

In the discussion of E. M. Neher's paper, T. B. Beatty asked the pleasure of the society regarding an attempt by the State Board of Health to have a bill passed by the state legislature requiring the application of one per cent silver nitrate to the eyes of all newborn babies. It was moved by M. M. Nielson that the matter of presenting a bill before the legislature favoring the prophylaxis of ophthalmia neonatorum be acted upon by the Utah State Ophthalmological Society. This motion was amended by L. Stauffer to read that this subject be referred to the Committee on Public Health and Legislation of the Salt Lake County Medical Society. Motion and amendment seconded and carried.

The following report of the special committee on the meningitis situation in the city was read by T. A. Flood, chairman. "It is the opinion of this committee that the culturing of the throats of all the children in any school would not be of sufficient value to justify this undertaking; that the City Board of Health has already taken all necessary precautions in the present situation; and furthermore, that there are no

valid grounds for the hysteria that seems to be spreading in some localities."

A letter from Surgeon-General M. W. Ireland was read, expressing his great appreciation to the members of the medical profession of Salt Lake City for the assistance tendered the Fort Douglas medical authorities from time to time.

A letter from the Utah State Medical Association was read regarding Senate Bill No. 5, proposed by Mr. Candland, providing for a decrease in the personnel of the State Industrial Commission so that there will be only two members after April 1, 1929, and one after April 1, 1931. William F. Beer and John Z. Brown spoke in opposition to this proposed bill, and John Z. Brown moved that it be the sense of the society that it go on record opposing Senate Bill No. 5 of the 1929 state legislature. This motion was amended by J. P. Kerby to read that the Committee on Legislation and Public Health should exercise their efforts in the defeat of this bill. Amendment was accepted by John Z. Brown. This motion was discussed by E. F. Root. Seconded and carried.

The applications of membership to the Salt Lake County Medical Society were read, signed by Dean A. Harvey, M. M. Nebeker, and J. Mercer Anderson. These applications were turned over to the board of censors. G. F. Jarrad and M. E. Bird were elected to membership by a vote of: yes, 52; no, 0.

T. B. Beatty and B. E. Bonar talked for a short time upon epidemic cerebrospinal meningitis.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 p. m.

BARNET E. BONAR, *Secretary*.

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#### UTAH COUNTY

The last regular meeting in 1928 of the Utah County Medical Society was held on December 12. Visitors present were: Doctors Oldham and Taylor; state officers present, Doctors Donohoe, Critchlow, Le Compte, and Goeltz.

"Nonspecific Prostatitis" was the subject treated by F. A. Goeltz, with discussion.

Discussion relative to proposed state school for feeble-minded followed.

The following resolution: Until finances warrant erection of separate institution, state legislators be requested to use available money to increase facilities for feeble-minded at the State Mental Hospital. This passed.

County dues reduced to \$7 per annum.

The officers elected for 1929 were as follows: G. G. Neil, president; G. S. Richards, vice-president; J. L. Aird, secretary-treasurer. Delegates: B. A. Dannenburg, L. D. Stewart, J. K. Beck, and O. E. Grua. Alternates: W. T. Hastler, L. W. Oaks, J. W. Hagan, and A. E. Robison.

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On January 23, 1929, the first meeting of the year, "Anomalous Renal Vessels, with Pictures and Practical Clinical Application of the Pathology Involved" was presented by A. E. Pomeroy.

No business meeting.

J. L. AIRD, *Secretary*.

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#### WEBER COUNTY

The meeting of the Weber County Medical Society was held January 17 at the Hotel Bigelow, President A. H. Aland presiding. Usual dinner preceded the meeting. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Communications: A letter from Dr. Ernest A. Summer, chairman on arrangements for the American Medical meeting in Portland, was read. A letter from C. C. Haskell regarding doctors' liability insurance, offering special rates to the doctors if a group plan could be worked out, was referred to Doctors J. D. Harding and W. H. Budge. A plan submitted by

Miss Williams for examination of the school children was approved, the doctors to be notified in advance. Suggestions from Miss Williams regarding school nursing were referred to Doctors E. P. Mills and R. L. Draper for investigation and action.

Program for the evening: Dr. M. J. Seidner reported a very interesting case of second and third degree burns of the lower extremities, successfully treated with tannic acid and skin grafts. Discussed by Dr. G. G. Moyes. Dr. Vernon S. Down read a paper on the "Diagnosis of the Contagious Diseases." Discussion by Doctors M. W. McKay and D. K. Barnes.

Meeting adjourned.

GEORGE M. FISTER, *Secretary*.

#### NEWS

**The Holy Cross Hospital Clinical Association** held its monthly meeting at the Holy Cross Hospital on the night of January 21.

Dr. J. U. Giesy presented a case of posttraumatic exostosis of the foot, with lantern slides showing the condition which had developed after fracture of the left scaphoid bone.

Dr. William Ward and Intern Clayburg presented the case history and autopsy findings in a case of carcinoma of the right lung. The case was fully described and a very interesting discussion of the diagnosis, symptoms and frequency of incidence followed. Lantern slides were shown.

Dr. E. F. Root presented a case of retroperitoneal sarcoma in a child of twenty-two months, with a worthwhile discussion of such cases in general, autopsy and laboratory reports.

Dr. T. A. Flood exhibited laboratory specimens covering the cases presented, and discussed them from the standpoint of pathology and laboratory findings.

**Five Physicians Pass State Examinations.**—Five physicians, who successfully passed the examination of the bureau of registration at the recent hearing, were announced recently by Director Golden. They are: Harold D. Clayberg, Oak Park, Illinois; Harold L. Snow and Earl F. Wight, Salt Lake City; Edwin C. Brinkerhoff, Bicknell; LaVile Hendricks Merrill, Richmond.

Applicants who were granted licenses to practice medicine on the basis of reciprocity: Dean A. Harvey, Pleasant Grove; Arnold LaMar Graff, Cedar City; Leland M. Evans, Mohrland; James S. Prestwich, Moroni; John A. Thorson, Sandy; Alexander C. McKean, Salt Lake City; Albert R. Taylor, Provo; Charles B. Beymer, Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Applicants who passed the examination given for obstetricians: Mate D. Chattin, Florence Jackson, Marian N. Wells, Annie R. Clarkson, Lilly S. Winger, Mrs. Lily Fox, Anna Rosina Ueberschaer, Selma Elizabeth Ueberschaer, Salt Lake City; Margaret P. Allmark, Murray.

**No Smallpox in Schools.**—Writing to the editor of *Ohio Health News* to have the address on his copy of the departmental bulletin changed, Dr. A. M. Keer, medical supervisor of the public schools in Pittsburgh, says:

"We are especially interested here in your campaign for compulsory vaccination in Ohio, for we have that law in Pennsylvania and it is assailed by the fanatics at every session of the legislature. Our law really works, and has in every instance been upheld by the courts. Smallpox is practically unknown in Pittsburgh except for sporadic outbursts occasionally in congested negro labor imported from the South. No school child in Pittsburgh has had smallpox for at least fifteen years, and there is no child in the Pittsburgh public schools who does not have a satisfactory mark or a satisfactory reason for temporary excuse from the immunization. Consequently we wish you all good luck in your effort to protect these people from their own folly.—*Ohio Health News*."